

CIA Cornerstone Laid By President

Under sunny skies, and amid the splendor of the autumn tree colorings, President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Tuesday put into place the cornerstone for the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters at Langley in Fairfax County.

President Eisenhower, on his way out from the White House also snipped a ribbon to officially open the scenic stretch of the George Washington Memorial Parkway along the Potomac between Spout Run and the CIA building.

It was the first "official" visit by the President to Fairfax County, and also the first such visit for two members of his Cabinet, Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

"On this spot," the President said, "will rise a beautiful and useful structure. May it long endure, to serve the cause of peace."

Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles told the Fairfax County SUN ECHO that "We chose Fairfax County as the most beautiful site in this area" for the giant new building.

Nearly 2,000 people watched the ceremony, in addition to several hundred invited guests. Working again with the Secret Service contingent that guards the President, as they often do when distinguished visitors come to Mt. Vernon, were 35 Fairfax County policemen headed by Insp. James M. Mahoney.

County Executive C. C. Massey, Delegate Omer L. Hirst and Mrs. Hirst, Gen. Richard P. Owenshine and Maj. William Durrer of the County Police Department were among the invited guests who were present.

The \$46,000,000 building on the

100 acre tract will be completed in late 1961. It will contain about a million square feet of floor space for the use of CIA, and will have 21 acres of parking lots. The central building will be surrounded by a perimeter of trees which have been left standing, and only a portion of the main building's five connected towers, each six floors high, will be visible from the neighboring homes and roads.

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